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ISSUE:

Application: ZT-4-2008. An Ordinance amendment regarding standards for food vending units and vehicles.

SYNOPSIS:

This Ordinance enact Chapter 7-30 of Title 7 of the West Valley City Municipal Code regarding food vending units and mobile food vending vehicles.

BACKGROUND:

On March 18, 2008 (effective date March 24, 2008) the West Valley City Council enacted a moratorium on food vending carts. This was to allow time for City staff to investigate and examine how these uses impact the City, businesses and property owners and to review and draft applicable standards for food vending carts.

Currently the West Valley City code allows for food vending carts however very little standards apply to these uses. When the Code was first drafted most of the carts that were used were open-air carts and they were not being used year round. Therefore, a time limit was not placed on this use as it was typically self-regulating. However, the trend seems to be going more towards enclosed food carts, which can stay on a site all year round and making the use more permanent and not temporary as was originally intended.

After meeting with the West Valley City Fire Department, Building Inspection Department, Business Licensing, Code Enforcement and the Salt Lake Valley Health Department it was determined that some guidelines are necessary for this use if it is going to continue to be allowed.

Therefore, staff has drafted the attached ordinance for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission and City Staff recommend approval of this Ordinance.

SUBMITTED BY:

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